



# HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON THE LAKE CHAD REGION

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## AGENDA

DAY 1	
07.00-9.00	Arrival and registration of participants
09.00-10.30	<p><b>Opening ceremony</b></p> <p><b>High-level speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ms. Katja Keul, Deputy Minister at the Federal Foreign Office, Germany</li><li>2. Mr. Erling Rimestad, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway</li><li>3. Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa</li><li>4. Ms. Joyce Msuya, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, UN OCHA</li><li>5. H.E. Ambassador Mamman Nuhu, Executive Secretary of Lake Chad Basin Commission and Head of Mission of the Multinational Joint Task Force</li><li>6. Mr. Michael Köhler, Acting Director General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations</li></ol> <p><b>Keynote Addresses:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>7. Ambassador Janet Olisa, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria</li><li>8. Mr. Beounngar David Doudjim, Secretary General, Ministry of External and Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Chad</li><li>9. H.E. Mr. Lejeune Mbella Mbella, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cameroon (tbc)</li><li>10. H.E. Mr. Hassoumi Massaoudou, Minister of State, Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Niger</li></ol> <p><b>Masters of Ceremonies:</b> Ms. Hannane Ferdjani and Mr. Wole Famurewa</p>
10.30-11.00	<b>Family Photo</b>
11.00-12.30	<p><b>Session I: Trends, progress and challenges in the Lake Chad Region to address humanitarian, stabilization and development priorities</b></p> <p><i>The opening panel will establish a baseline for Conference discussions by taking stock of the current situation in the region, including trends, progress and challenges within political, security, humanitarian and development spheres. The panel will also focus on</i></p>



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	<p><i>areas of progress, proven models and opportunities to strengthen partnerships and regional cooperation within existing frameworks.</i></p> <p><b>Framing the Session:</b> Mr. Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, Special Coordinator for Development in the Sahel</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. H.E. Mr. Hamadou Adamou Souley, Minister of the Interior and Decentralization, Niger</li><li>2. H. E. Mr. Laouan Magagi, Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management, Niger</li><li>3. Mr. Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council</li><li>4. Ms. Joyce Msuya, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, OCHA</li><li>5. Mr. Mamoudzou Maounde, Inspector General of Far North, Cameroon</li><li>6. Ms. Aïchatou Mounkaila, Chair of the Lake Chad Basin Women Network</li></ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Master of Ceremonies</p>
12.30-13.15	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13.15-14.00	<p><b>Side Event: From despair to hope: Investing in stabilization, recovery and resilience</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. H.E. Mr. Mamman Nuhu, Executive Secretary of Lake Chad Basin Commission and Head of Mission of the Multinational Joint Task Force</li><li>2. Mr. Smaine Younoussé, Governor of Diffa, Niger</li><li>3. Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa</li></ol> <p>Moderator: Ms. Heike Thiele, Deputy Director General, Federal Foreign Office, Germany and Co-Chair of the International Support Group</p>
14.00-15.30	<p><b>Session II: Creating a safe environment for civilians</b></p> <p><i>This panel will examine key protection concerns in the Lake Chad Region. It will explore the individual roles, responsibilities and mandates that government institutions, the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF), various UN agencies and humanitarian actors have in relation to protecting civilians. The session will address how these mandates and responsibilities shape approaches to protecting civilians. It will explore ways to optimize information sharing and coordination. Key conversation elements include civil-military coordination, human rights, humanitarian principles and obligations to international humanitarian law.</i></p> <p><b>Framing the Session:</b> Ms. Felicite Tchibindat, UNICEF Deputy Regional Director for West and Central Africa</p>



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	<p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Brigadier General Assoualai Blama, MNJTF Deputy Force Commander</li><li>2. Mr. Gilles Carbonnier, Vice President, International Committee of the Red Cross</li><li>3. Major General MS Ahmed, Deputy Theatre Commander Operation Hadin Kai, Northeast Nigeria</li><li>4. Mr. Kaumi Wakil, Executive Director, Grassroot Initiative for Strengthening Community Resilience</li><li>5. Ms. Cecile Mazzacurati, Gender and Human Rights Advisor, UNFPA</li><li>6. Mr. Erling Rimestad, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway</li></ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Mattias Naab, Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator Cameroon</p>
15.30-16.00	<b>Break</b>
16.00-17.30	<p><b>Session III: Comprehensive and durable solutions to displacement: A way forward for internally displaced, refugees and host communities</b></p> <p><i>This session will address internal displacement and identify durable solutions for refugees in line with the Secretary General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement.</i></p> <p><i>Advancing solutions requires collaborative approaches between humanitarian, stabilization, development and peace actors. This session will address the question: How can these actors better coordinate with each other and better collaborate with state authorities in the pursuit of durable solutions?</i></p> <p><b>Framing the Session:</b> Mr. Robert Piper, UN Secretary-General Special Advisor on Solutions to Internal Displacement</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mr. Smaine Younousse, Governor of Diffa, Niger</li><li>2. Ms. Marthe Wandou, Director, Action Locale pour un Développement Participatif Autogéré</li><li>3. Ms. Ugochi Daniels, Deputy Director General of Operations, IOM</li><li>4. Ms. Deike Potzel, Director General, German Federal Foreign Office</li><li>5. Mr. Raouf Mazou, Assistant Secretary-General, UNHCR</li><li>6. Prof. Dr. Walter Kälin, Former Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons</li></ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Louise Aubin, Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator Niger</p>



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17.30-18.00	<b>Conclusions after day one and summary of pledges made thus far</b> Master of Ceremonies
18.00-19.00	<b>Press</b>
<b>DAY 2</b>	
09.30-10.00	<b>Opening of Day Two</b> Master of Ceremonies
10.00-11.30	<b>Session IV: Comprehensive approach to exits from violent extremist and armed groups</b>  <i>The session will explore approaches to exits from radical groups, including using community-based reintegration and reconciliation, transitional justice processes. The session will also discuss the imperatives for thorough categorization and screening of different persons associated with Boko Haram, such as affected women and children. This session will also attempt to delineate responsibilities in the process between levels (regional, national, sub-national).</i>  <b>Framing the Session:</b> Ms. Siobhan O’Neil, UN Institute for Disarmament Research  <b>Panel:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mr. Babagana Umara Zulum, Governor Borno State, Nigeria</li><li>2. General Mahamadou Abou Tarka, President of the High Authority for Peace Consolidation</li><li>3. Dr. Fatima Akilu, Director, NEEM Foundation</li><li>4. Mr. Mohamed Yahya, Resident Representative, UNDP Nigeria</li><li>5. Ms. Catriona Laing, High Commissioner to Nigeria, UK</li><li>6. Mr. Ulrich Garms, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UN Office of Drugs and Crime</li></ol> <b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Mattias Schmale, Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator Nigeria
11.30-12.00	<b>Break</b>
12.00-13.30	<b>Session V: Climate change and insecurity, its consequences on food security</b>  <i>This session will explore how climate change and unstable contexts contribute to exacerbating the crisis, including impacts on food security. Discussion will focus on how to meet immediate humanitarian needs and identify ways to build long-term resilience and sustainable solutions while doing.</i>  <b>Framing the Session:</b> Dr. Virginie Baudais, Director of the Sahel and West Africa Programme, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute



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	<p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mr. Ahmed Alkhouder Ali Fadel, Governor of Hadjer Lamis, Chad</li><li>2. Mr. Koularambaya Koundja, Climate change specialist, Ministry of Environment, Chad</li><li>3. Mr. Henri-Noël Tatangang, Country Director Chad, Action Contre la Faim</li><li>4. Prof. Hadiza Kiari Fougou, Geographer and Head of Department of Water and Fisheries Resources, University of Diffa, Niger</li><li>5. Mr. Dominique Koffy Kouacou, Head of Emergency and Resilience Team, FAO Regional Office West Africa and the Sahel</li><li>6. Mr. Ollo Sib, Senior Research, Assessment and Monitoring Advisor for West Africa, World Food Programme</li></ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Violet Kakyoma, Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator, Chad</p>
13.30-14.30	<b>Lunch</b>
14.30-16.00	<p><b>Session VI: New partnerships and investment for the Lake Chad Region</b></p> <p><i>This session will bring all sessions together to focus on the investments, partnerships and capacities that will be required to achieve the decisions made during the workshop. The session will explore the pathways and options for managing new investments and partnerships and the Regional Stabilization Strategy's role as a conduit of these partnerships. The session will present an opportunity to make statements and announce political, operational and financial pledges.</i></p> <p><b>Keynote:</b> H.E. Mr. Hassoumi Massaoudou, Minister of State, Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Niger</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. H.E. Ambassador Mamman Nuhu, Executive Secretary of Lake Chad Basin Commission and Head of Mission of the Multinational Joint Task Force</li><li>2. Mr. Adoum Moustapha Brahim, Governor of the Lac Province, Chad</li><li>3. Ms. Heike Thiele, Deputy Director General, Federal Foreign Office, Germany and Co-Chair of the International Support Group</li><li>4. Mr. Han Fraeters, World Bank Country Manager, Niger</li><li>5. Mr. Moussa Sidi Mohamed, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Niger</li></ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Master of Ceremonies</p>
16.00-16.30	<p><b>Closing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Masters of Ceremonies: Summary of Day 2 and Pledges</li><li>• Mr. Erling Rimestad, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway: Vote of thanks</li></ul>



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H.E. Mr. Hassoumi Massaoudou, Minister of State, Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Niger: Official Closing Statement</li></ul> |
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